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Fill in this information to identify your case	9:	
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
Northern District of Illinoi	s	
Case number (If known):	Chapter you are filing under: Chapter 7 Chapter 11 Chapter 12 Chapter 13	☐ Check if this is ar amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

12/22

The bankruptcy forms use *you* and *Debtor 1* to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint* case—and in joint cases, these forms use *you* to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be *yes* if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

	About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1. Your full name	Willie	(4)
Write the name that is on you	r First name	First name
government-issued picture identification (for example, yo	<u>D</u>	
driver's license or passport).	Middle name	Middle name
,	Dotson	
Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trust		Last name
	Suffix (Sr., Jr, II, III)	Suffix (Sr., Jr, II, III)
2. All other names you have		
used in the last 8 years	First name	First name
Include your married or maid names and any assumed, tra names and doing business a	de Middle name	Middle name
names.	Last name	Last name
Do NOT list the name of any		
separate legal entity such as corporation, partnership, or L that is not filing this petition.		Business name (if applicable)
	Business name (if applicable)	Business name (if applicable)
3. Only the last 4 digits of you	ır	
Social Security number or	xxx - xx - <u>4</u> <u>0</u> <u>9</u> <u>5</u>	xxx - xx
federal Individual Taxpayer	OR	OR
Identification number (ITIN)	9xx - xx	9xx - xx

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Debtor 1 Willie		D	Dotson		Case number (if known)			
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		, ,			
		About Debtor	1:		About Debtor 2 (Spou	use Only in a Joint Case):		
4	Your Employer Identificat	ion						
7.	Number (EIN), if any.	EIN	. — — — —	_	EIN			
		_			_			
		EIN		_	EIN			
_	Where you live				If Debtor 2 lives at a c	different address:		
5.	Where you live	5020 W Divi	sion St					
			Street		Number Street	_		
		Chicago II	COCE4 2047					
		Chicago, IL	State	ZIP Code	City	State ZIP Code		
		Cook						
		County			County			
			address is different from ote that the court will send ing address.			address is different from yours, fill e court will send any notices to you s.		
		Number S	Street		Number Street			
		P.O. Box			P.O. Box			
		City	State	ZIP Code	City	State ZIP Code		
6.	Why you are choosing the	s Check one:			Check one:			
	district to file for bankrup	cy	ast 180 days before filing th	sic potition I		days before filing this petition, I		
		have lived district.	in this district longer than in	n any other	have lived in this district.	days before filling this petition, i		
		I have ano	ther reason. Explain. S.C. § 1408)		I have another rea (See 28 U.S.C. §			
		(000 20 0.	C.C. 3 1 100)		(000 _0 0.0.0.3	. 166)		
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Dotson

Debt	or 1	Willie	D	Dotson		Case num	ber (if known)	
		First Name	Middle Na	me Last Name			, , ,	
Part	t 2: Tell th	e Court About You	ur Bankr	uptcy Case				
		of the Bankruptcy re choosing to file	Bankrup Ch Ch Ch		on of each, see <i>Notice Req</i> go to the top of page 1 and		§ 342(b) for Individuals Filing fo	r
8.	How you wi	ll pay the fee	deta chec a cre I nee to Pa I req judg offici choo	ils about how you may peck, or money order. If you edit card or check with a ed to pay the fee in instancy The Filing Fee in Instance that my fee be waite may, but is not require ital poverty line that appliance.	pay. Typically, if you are pay ur attorney is submitting you pre-printed address. allments. If you choose this fallments (Official Form 103, fived (You may request this fed to, waive your fee, and mailes to your family size and y tifill out the Application to H	ring the fee yourself ur payment on your s option, sign and at A). option only if you at ay do so only if you you are unable to pa	t's office in your local court for m f, you may pay with cash, cashie behalf, your attorney may pay we tach the <i>Application for Individu</i> the filing for Chapter 7. By law, a fur income is less than 150% of the gray the fee in installments). If you filing Fee Waived (Official Form	er's with wals he
	Have you fil within the la	led for bankruptcy ast 8 years?	☑No.	District District District	When When	MM / DD / YYYY MM / DD / YYYY	Case number Case number Case number	
	pending or spouse who case with you	akruptcy cases being filed by a b is not filing this bu, or by a artner, or by an	☑ No. □ Yes.	District	When	M / DD / YYYY F	Relationship to you Case number, if known Relationship to you Case number, if known	
11.	Do you rent	your residence?	☐ No. ☑ Yes.	No. Go to line 12.	Statement About an Evictic		st You (Form 101A) and file it	

Debtor 1

Willie

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Debtor 1 Willie			D Dotson			Case number (if known)			
	First Na	ame N	∕liddle	Name	Last Name		, ,		
Par	t 3: Report About	t Any Busine	sses	You Ow	n as a Sole Proprie	tor			
12.	Are you a sole propany full- or part-time	Δ		o. Go to F	Part 4.				
	business? A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC. If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.		N		iness, if any	,			
			_		Ollect				
	•		С	ity		State	ZIP Code		
			C	heck the a	appropriate box to descr	ibe your business:			
				Health	Care Business (as defir	ed in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))		
				Single A	Asset Real Estate (as d	efined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(5	1B))		
				Stockb	roker (as defined in 11 l	J.S.C. § 101(53A))			
				Commo	odity Broker (as defined	in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))			
				None o	f the above				
13.	13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, and are you a <i>small business debtor</i> or a debtor as defined by 11 U.S. C. § 1182(1)?		oroce debto of ope	ed under of r or you are erations, c	Subchapter V so that it is conceed to choosing to proceed to	can set appropriate deadlin under Subchapter V, you m	u are a small business debtor or a debto es. If you indicate that you are a small bu ust attach your most recent balance she or if any of these documents do not exist	usiness et, statement	
	For a definition of sn	nall business	√ N	o. Iar	m not filing under Chapt	er 11.			
	debtor, see 11 U.S.C 101(51D).	C. §	□ N		m filing under Chapter 1 nkruptcy Code.	1, but I am NOT a small bu	siness debtor according to the definition	in the	
			☐ Y				ebtor according to the definition in the der Subchapter V of Chapter 11.		
			□ Y			1, I am a debtor according ceed under Subchapter V c	to the definition in \S 1182(1) of the Bankr f Chapter 11.	uptcy	

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Deb	tor 1	Willie	D	Dotson		Case numb	oer (if known) _	
		First Name	Middle Nan	ne Last Name			,	
Par	t 4: Repor	t if You Own or Ha	ave Any F	lazardous Property or	Any Prope	erty That Needs Immedia	te Attentior	١
14. Do you own o		n or have any	☑ No.					
	property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or		☐ Yes.	What is the hazard?				
	property th	do you own any at needs immediate						
	attention?			If immediate attention is	needed, why	is it needed?		
		e, do you own goods, or livestock						
		e fed, or a building urgent repairs?						
				Where is the property?				
					Number	Street		
					City		State	ZIP Code

City

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Debtor 1	Willie	D	Dotson	Case number (if known)	
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name		

Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

certificate of completion.

✓ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

☐ I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy.

If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

I am not required to receive a briefing about credit
counseling because of:

Incapacity. I have a mental illness or a mental

deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

Disability. My physical disability causes me

to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

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briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

Active duty. I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Dotson

Debtor 1	Willie	D	Dotson		Case no	umber	(if known)
	First Name	Middle N	ame Last Name				. ,
Part 6: Answe	er These Question	ns for Re	eporting Purposes				
16. What kind of have?	of debts do you	16a.			ner debts? Consumer debts are de for a personal, family, or househo		
		16b.			es debts? Business debts are debt rough the operation of the busines		
		16c.	State the type of debts you ow	re th	at are not consumer debts or busi	ness d	debts.
Do you esti exempt pro and admini paid that fu	ng under Chapter 7? imate that after any perty is excluded strative expenses ar inds will be available tion to unsecured	ve ☑		r 7.	r 7. Go to line 18. Do you estimate that after any exe e paid that funds will be available to		
	creditors do you at you owe?		1-49		25,001-50,000 50,000)-100,(000
19. How much assets to b	do you estimate yoυ e worth?				\$1,000,001-\$10 million \$10,000,001-\$50 million \$50,000,001-\$100 million \$100,000,001-\$500 million		\$500,000,001-\$1 billion \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion More than \$50 billion
20. How much liabilities to			\$0-\$50,000 \$50,001-\$100,000 \$100,001-\$500,000 \$500,001-\$1 million		\$1,000,001-\$10 million \$10,000,001-\$50 million \$50,000,001-\$100 million \$100,000,001-\$500 million		\$500,000,001-\$1 billion \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion More than \$50 billion
For you	If I have States C If no attribute ob I request I understand 357	e chosen to Code. I un corney reportained and strelief in stand make total case of 1.	to file under Chapter 7, I am awanderstand the relief available understand the relief available understand the and I did not pay only read the notice required by 1 accordance with the chapter of sing a false statement, concealing	vare nder r ag I1 U f title ing p	reach chapter, and I choose to progree to pay someone who is not an .S.C. § 342(b). e 11, United States Code, specified property, or obtaining money or pro	er Chaceed under the control of the	apter 7, 11,12, or 13 of title 11, United under Chapter 7. ey to help me fill out this document, I s petition.

Debtor 1

Willie

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Debtor 1 Willie		D Dotson		Case number (if known)
	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	
For your attorney, if you are represented by one If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.		proceed under each chapter for 11 U.S.C. § 34	Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 or or which the person is eligi 2(b) and, in a case in whic	this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to f title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under ble. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by h § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry with the petition is incorrect.
		X /s/ Vaug	hn White	Date 06/04/2024
			of Attorney for Debtor	MM / DD / YYYY
		Vaughn Printed nar VW LAW Firm name 1755 Par Number	me LLC	
		Napervil	le	IL 60563
		City		State ZIP Code
		Contact ph	one (312) 888-0131	Email address vaughn@vaughnwhite.com
		6198291		<u>IL</u>
		Bar numbe	r	State

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B2030 (Form 2030) (12/15)

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In re	Dotson, Willie	D	
		Case No	
Debto	or	Chapter7	
		DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DE	EBTOR
1.	compensation pa	.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the abuid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to d on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy	be paid to me, for services rendered
	✓ FLAT FEE		
	For legal services	s, I have agreed to accept	\$1,950.00
	Prior to the filing	of this statement I have received	\$0.00
	Balance Due		\$1,950.00
	RETAINER		
	For legal services	s, I have agreed to accept and received a retainer of	
	[Or attach firm ho	shall bill against the retainer at an hourly rate of	<u> </u>
2.	The source of the	e compensation paid to me was:	
	✓ Debtor	Other (specify)	
3.	The source of co	mpensation to be paid to me is:	
	✓ Debtor	Other (specify)	
4.	✓ I have not again law firm.	greed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless the	y are members and associates of my
	_	d to share the above-disclosed compensation with a other person or persons who a of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the com-	•
5.	In return for the a	above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the ban	kruptcy case, including:
	a. Analysis of bankruptcy;	the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining v	vhether to file a petition in

Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statements of affairs and plan which may be required;

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- Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- 6. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following services:

See Attachment

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to

me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding. 06/04/2024 /s/ Vaughn White Date Vaughn White Signature of Attorney Bar Number: 6198291 VW LAW LLC 1755 Park St Suite 200 Naperville, IL 60563 Phone: (312) 888-0131 **VW LAW LLC** Name of law firm

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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION (CHICAGO)

IN RE: Dotson, Willie D	CASE NO
	CHAPTER 7

VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATRIX

The above named Debtor hereby verifi-	ifies that the attached list of creditors is true and correct to the	e best of his/her knowledge
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Date	06/04/2024	Signature _	/s/ Willie D Dotson	
	_		Willie D Dotson, Debtor	

Americash Loans LLC BO Box 1728 Des Plaines, IL 60017

Amex

American Express PO Box 981540 El Paso, TX 79998

Midland Credit Mgmt

Attn: Bankruptcy PO Box 939069 San Diego, CA 92193

Migdal Law Group, LLP 29 E Madison St Ste 1200a Chicago, IL 60602-4542

NCB Management Services

Attn: Bankruptcy 1 Allied Drive

Trevose, PA 19053

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC

Attn: Bankruptcy 120 Corporate

Boulevard

Norfolk, VA 23502

The Bureaus Inc

Attn: Bankruptcy Attn: Bankruptcy

650 Dundee Rd , Ste 370 Northbrook, IL 60062

US Small Business Administration 409 3rd St Sw

Washington, DC 20416-0011

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Verizon Wireless 500 Technology Dr 599 Saint Charles, MO 63304

VW LAW LLC

Low Cost Bankruptcy Center 312-888-0131 vaughn@vaughnwhite.com

1755 Park St. Suite 200 Naperville, IL 60563 Cicero Office: 5814 W. Cermak Rd. Cicero, IL 60804

TWO-CONTRACT DISCLOSURE

This Two-Contract Disclosure memorializes the understanding of the undersigned ("Client" or "you", whether one or more individuals) about VW LAW LLC ("Law Firm") and its "Two-Contract Procedure" and sets forth the options that Law Firm has discussed with you.

Accordingly, you acknowledge and agree:

- 1. The Services contained in the Pre-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein (i.e., the first contract of the Two-Contract Procedure) do not contemplate a complete bankruptcy filing.
- Law Firm has made you aware of an alternative way to pay for your bankruptcy attorney's fees
 and costs other than through the Two-Contract Procedure. The alternative way would be for you
 to pay Law Firm in full before filing bankruptcy, either in installments, or in one lump sum.
 Debtor has indicated a lump sum payment is not possible at this time.
- 3. After your incomplete (deficient or skeleton) bankruptcy petition is filed under the Two-Contract Procedure, you have the following three options for post-petition legal services to complete your bankruptcy case:
 - a. You can complete your case on your own without an attorney (pro se). However, you are advised that doing so may be risky and ill-advised. Law Firm does not recommend that individuals attempt to represent themselves in legal proceedings. Upon notification from you of your intention to proceed pro se, Law Firm will file the appropriate pleadings to withdraw from the case; or
 - b. You can hire another bankruptcy attorney to complete the case. If you retain another bankruptcy attorney, Law Firm will cooperate in filing the appropriate paperwork to substitute the new attorney in Law Firm's place; or
 - c. You can hire Law Firm to complete your case by signing Law Firm's Post-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement (i.e., the second contract of the Two-Contract Procedure). Law Firm has presented a copy of the Post-Petition agreement to you along with this initial contract for your review, You will have seven (7) days from the date that your incomplete bankruptcy petition is filed in which to hire Law Firm to complete your case. If you do not hire Law Firm within that time period, you agree and consent to Law Firm's withdrawal from the case.

- 4. If you do not hire Law Firm to complete the post-petition legal services necessary to complete the case, you must, at a minimum, do the following to complete the case or otherwise prevent the case from being dismissed (the following is not a comprehensive list of everything that you may need to do to complete the case):
 - Pay the court filing fee installments by the dates shown on the Application To Pay Court Filing
 Fees in Installments (if you did not pay your court filing fee in full when your case was filed);
 - b. File completed statements, schedules, and related documents with the court within 14 days of filing the incomplete petition, including, without limitation, Summary of Schedules, Schedules A/B, C, D, E/F, G, H, I, and J, and Statements of Financial Affairs, Intention and Chapter 7 Statement of Current Monthly Income. These forms can be found at https://www.uscourts.gov/forms/bankruptcy-forms;
 - c. Provide pay advices for the sixty (60) day period immediately before filing the case to the Chapter 7 Trustee no later than 7 days before your Section 341 Meeting of Creditors;
 - d. Provide your most recently filed tax return to the Chapter 7 Trustee and any other documents requested by the bankruptcy trustee no later than 7 days before your Section 341 Meeting of Creditors;
 - e. Attend your Section 341 Meeting of Creditors to answer the questions of the bankruptcy trustee and any participating creditors; and
 - f. Complete your required debtor education course and file the course completion certificate with the Court.
- 5. If you do not hire Law Firm for post-petition services, then pursuant to Rule 2091-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Local Rules"), Law Firm may file a motion with the Court to withdraw as counsel, but will remain as attorney of record and is obligated to continue to represent you in all respects until such time when the case is closed, dismissed, or the Court enters an Order authorizing Law Firm to withdraw from the Case.
- You have had the opportunity to ask questions about the Two-Contract Procedure and obtain answers to those questions before signing this Two-Contract Disclosure, and you sign this disclosure consciously and freely.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the foregoing "Two-Contract Disclosure," it has been explained to me by the undersigned Law Firm attorney, and by affixing my signature hereto, I acknowledge receipt of a copy hereof and I agree to its conditions.

THE BANKRUPTCY CODE REQUIRES Vaughn A. White, Attorney at Law, and VW LAW LLC, TO EXPLICITLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY INFORM YOU THAT:

WE ARE A DEBT RELIEF AGENCY, WE HELP PEOPLE FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY RELIEF UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

JULI (Debtor 1)

_____(Debtor 2)

Date:

VW LAW LC, by Vaughn A. White

Date:

Dated: 6/4/2024

Pre-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement

This Pre-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement, including the attached Two-Contract Disclosure, which is incorporated by reference herein, (this "Agreement") is executed by and between VW LAW LLC (hereinafter referred to as "Law Firm", "us", or "we") and the following named individual(s) (hereinafter referred to as "Client" or "you", whether one or more individuals):

Willie Dotson	(Debtor 1)	
	(Debtor 2, if applicable)	

The parties have reviewed Client's finances, are in agreement that filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7 is the best solution for resolving Client's financial situation, and further agree as follows:

1. Services Provided. Incomplete Bankruptcy Filing.

- a. We will provide the following legal services ("Services") on your behalf in connection with filing your incomplete (deficient or skeleton) bankruptcy petition (the "Services"): (a) initial consultation; (b) analysis of your financial situation; (c) exemption planning; (d) file setup; (e) enrollment in a credit counseling course; (f) prior case records search; (g) preparation of your "incomplete bankruptcy petition", which consists of the Voluntary Petition, Statement About Your Social Security Numbers, Creditor Mailing Matrix, Verification of Creditor Matrix and Credit Counseling Course Certificate; (h) preparation of an application to pay the court filing fee in installments (if you are unable to pay it in full before filing bankruptcy); and (i) filing the incomplete bankruptcy petition and application to pay the filing fee in installments with the Court.
- b. You understand and acknowledge that the Services contained herein do not contemplate a complete bankruptcy filing. You understand that you must either hire a bankruptcy attorney to assist you in completing your bankruptcy filing or complete it yourself or your case will be automatically dismissed without a discharge. Pursuant to Rule 2091-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (the "Local Rules"), if you do not hire us for post-petition services to complete your bankruptcy filing, then Law Firm may file a motion with the Court to withdraw as counsel, but will remain as attorney of record and will be obligated to continue to represent you in all respects until such time when the case is closed, dismissed, or the Court enters an Order authorizing us to withdraw from the Case.
- 2. Legal Fees. The amount due to Law Firm from you prior to filing your incomplete bankruptcy petition is \$0.00 (the "Pre-Filing Fee"). The Pre-Filing Fee is non-refundable, it is earned upon receipt as compensation to Law Firm for your consultation, exemptions planning, file setup, credit counseling course, and records search, and it will be deposited into Law Firm's operating account, whether or not a bankruptcy case is filed. The Pre-Filing Fee will not be refunded even if your case is not filed with the Court. If this Agreement is terminated before your case is filed, Law Firm shall be deemed to earn and you agree to pay, in addition to the Pre-Filing Fee, any additional fees in excess of the Pre-Filing Fee based on the time spent by Law Firm working on Client's matter, measured in one-tenth (1/10) of an hour (six-minute) increments, with a minimum time of one-tenth (1/10) of an hour for any work performed, multiplied by Law Firm's then-prevailing hourly

rates. If Law Firm files your case, any unpaid portion of the fees earned by Law Firm before your case is filed will be waived.

- 3. Costs. You are responsible for all costs associated with your bankruptcy ("Costs"), including your court filing fee (\$338.00), the cost of your credit counseling course (price ranges from \$9.95 to \$32.00), and the cost of your credit report (\$37.00 for an individual or \$64.00 for a married couple). Law Firm may advance the cost of your credit counseling course and the cost of your credit report. If you cannot afford to pay your court filing fee in full when your case is filed, Law Firm will prepare your Application To Pay Filing Fees in Installments to allow you to pay it in up to four installments over no more than 120 days. Upon filing your case, any unpaid portion of the court filing fee must be paid according to the Application To Pay Filing Fees in Installments or your case will be dismissed without a discharge and you will be ineligible to pay the court's filing fee in installments in any future filings.
- 4. Completing Your Case After It Is Filed. To complete your bankruptcy case after your incomplete bankruptcy petition is filed you can: (1) complete the case on your own without any attorney (pro se); (2) engage another attorney to complete the case; or (3) engage us to finish the case. To engage us to complete the additional statements, schedules and related documents required to complete your bankruptcy filing, you will need to enter into a Post-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement with us, which will require you to pay Law Firm an additional fee at Law Firm's then prevailing rate, which is currently \$1,950.00 to be paid with funds from refund of the \$988 Garnishment in case number 22M1118344. The remaining balance to be paid in 5 monthly installments of \$200.00, until the entire \$1,950 is paid. Any amount above the \$1,950 will be refunded to client. Payments begin 30 days after your case is filed. You acknowledge and agree that your bankruptcy filing will be incomplete if you do not engage us to complete the incomplete filing. If you do not: (a) hire Law Firm within seven (7) days after your case is filed and (b) provide Law Firm with ALL information and documents requested from you in order to complete your filing within fourteen (14) days after your case is filed, your case may be subject to dismissal. In the event that Client fails to hire Law Firm to complete the case within seven (7) days after the case is filed, Law Firm may seek permission to withdraw from the case by filing a motion with the Bankruptcy Court. Law Firm will continue to be counsel of record for Client, however, until such time when the case is closed, dismissed, or the Court enters an order authorizing Law Firm to withdraw from the Case.
- Payments by Check and Funds Clearance. If Client pays any amount due under this Agreement by personal check, cashier's check, or money order, such payments must be made payable to "VW LAW LLC". Law Firm will not file Client's case until all funds paid to Law Firm under this Agreement clear Law Firm's financial institution.
- No Borrowing. Client agrees that Client will not borrow money to pay any amounts owed under this Agreement. However, a family member or friend may give Client money to pay amounts due under this Agreement as a "no strings attached" gift.
- 7. Client Cooperation. Client agrees to cooperate with Law Firm as follows:
 - a. Client will promptly inform Law Firm of any changes of Client's physical and mailing addresses, telephone number, and email address;

- Client will furnish all documents and information requested by Law Firm in connection with this Agreement and Client represents that such documents and information will be <u>complete</u>, <u>accurate</u>, <u>AND truthful</u>;
- c. Client will timely comply with any Court or trustee directives;
- Client will completely and accurately disclose all of Client's assets and liabilities along with Client's best estimates of the replacement values of Client's assets, considering their age and condition;
- e. Client will completely and accurately provide Client's monthly income and expenses;
- f. Client will communicate with Law Firm in a civil manner via: (a) any online portal provided by Law Firm to Client; (b) email using Client's email address stated in this Agreement or later provided by Client to Law Firm, if any; (c) voice or text messaging at any cell phone number stated in this Agreement or later provided by Client to Law Firm and Client further agrees that Client shall be responsible for any text messaging charges imposed upon Client by Client's cellular phone service provider; and (d) via any video conferencing service used by Law Firm to communicate with Client;
- 8. Failure to Pay. IF, PRIOR TO FILING CLIENT'S CASE, CLIENT FAILS TO PAY ANY AMOUNT DUE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, LAW FIRM WILL BE RELIEVED FROM THE RESPONSIBILITY OF PERFORMING ANY FURTHER WORK UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE TERMINATED UPON WRITTEN NOTICE FROM ATTORNEY TO CLIENT AT CLIENT'S LAST KNOWN EMAIL ADDRESS OR POSTAL MAILING ADDRESS.
- 9. Failure to Cooperate. Law Firm will be relieved of the responsibility to represent Client and this Agreement shall be terminated upon written notice from Law Firm to Client at Client's last known email address or postal mailing address if Client fails to cooperate with Law Firm in connection with Client's bankruptcy matter. Examples of such non-cooperation by Client include, but are not limited to: (a) Client's dishonesty in providing information to Law Firm; (b) CLIENT'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE LAW FIRM WITH ALL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY LAW FIRM AND IN THE MANNER REQUESTED BY LAW FIRM IN ORDER TO PREPARE CLIENT'S BANKRUPTCY FILING WITHIN ONE MONTH AFTER ATTORNEY MAKES SUCH REQUEST TO CLIENT IN WRITING; (c) Client's failure to provide Law Firm with other information or documents requested by Law Firm in time and with sufficient adequacy to enable Law Firm to timely respond to any inquiry from the Court, the U.S. Trustee, the case trustee, a creditor, or other party entitled to a response under law; (d) Client's failure to promptly inform Law Firm of changes of Client's mailing address, telephone number, and email address, if any; (e) Client's repeated failure to respond to Law Firm's attempts to contact Client via telephone, text and email; and (f) Client's failure to appear at any Court hearing or trustee meeting, unless Law Firm informs Client that Client's appearance is not required. If these failings on Client's part occur after Law Firm has filed Client's bankruptcy case, Law Firm can only be relieved if the court allows Law Firm's withdrawal. Client will receive notice of any motion and hearing on Law Firm's desire to withdraw.
- 10. **Termination by Client.** This Agreement may be terminated by Client for any reason by email notice to Law Firm.

- 11. Refund Upon Termination Prior to Filing Case. All amounts paid towards the Pre-Filing Fee and towards the reimbursement of costs incurred by Law Firm in connection with this Agreement are non-refundable. Client shall not be entitled to any refund after Law Firm files Client's case. However, if this Agreement is terminated before Law Firm files Client's case, Client may be entitled to a refund of some or all of the amounts paid by Client to Law Firm. Such refund, if any, shall be determined as follows:
 - a. Calculate the Earned Fee, which equals the greater of: (i) the Pre-Filing Fee; and (ii) the product of the time spent by Law Firm working in connection with this Agreement, measured in 1/10 of an hour (six-minute) increments multiplied by Law Firm's hourly rates.
 - b. Calculate the Total Charges, which equal the sum of: (i) the Earned Fee; and (ii) all costs incurred by Law Firm under this Agreement; and
 - c. If the sum of all payments received by Law Firm under this Agreement exceeds the Total Charges, Law Firm will refund such excess amount by mailing a check for the excess amount made payable to Client's last known mailing address.
- 12. Law Firm's Hourly Rates. Law Firm's hourly rates are currently as follows and are subject to increase from time to time upon prior written notice to Client: (a) \$350.00 per hour for the services of attorneys working for Law Firm, including attorneys who are owners of Law Firm and attorneys employed or contracted by Law Firm; and (b) \$150.00 per hour for the services of any paralegal, law clerk, legal assistant, or other non-attorney employed or contracted by Law Firm.
- 13. Effect of Discharge on Pre- and Post-Filing Amounts Due to Law Firm. Any unpaid amounts due to us under this Agreement at the time that your incomplete bankruptcy petition is filed will be discharged and unenforceable against you. However, after your petition is filed, any agreement for post-filing services will create a debt that is not affected by your bankruptcy filing. You will remain personally liable for any amounts due on account of such post-filing services and you could be sued if you default on a post-filing payment plan.
- 14. Disclaimer and Acknowledgement. We disclaim any responsibility for inaccurate or incomplete personal or financial information provided by you. You acknowledge: (a) that we have not made representations or warranties regarding the outcome of your matter; (b) you cannot file repeated bankruptcy petitions within a year without losing or limiting the length of the "automatic stay"; (c) we cannot advise you to improperly incur debt; (d) you cannot file chapter 7 bankruptcy in bad faith or if you have the ability to repay your creditors; (e) that within five business days of the date that we first provided you with bankruptcy assistance, we provided you with this Agreement and the Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy, attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, and you have read and understand your obligations set forth in said notice; (f) your bankruptcy case may be dismissed for failure to timely file documents, attend hearings, or meet deadlines; (g) you will not dispose of any of your assets after your case is filed unless and until the bankruptcy trustee abandons your assets because you may be required to liquidate or surrender all nonexempt assets to the bankruptcy trustee or buy back your nonexempt assets from the bankruptcy trustee; and (h) the bankruptcy automatic stay, which prevents creditors from collecting against you, does not apply until your case is filed with the court.

- 15. Client Remains Liable for Unpaid Fees and Unreimbursed Costs After Termination. If this Agreement is terminated before Law Firm files Client's case and Client has not paid Law Firm for all fees earned by Law Firm or Client has not reimbursed Law Firm for all costs incurred by Law Firm on Client's behalf, Client will remain liable to Law Firm for such unpaid fees and unreimbursed costs even after termination of this Agreement and Client shall immediately pay Law Firm the amount of such unpaid fees and unreimbursed costs upon demand.
- 16. NO OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED. ANY SERVICES NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE, SUCH AS AN APPEAL, ADVERSARY PROCEEDING, OR REPRESENTATION IN A SUIT FILED BY CLIENT, ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AGREEMENT AND, IF LAW FIRM AGREES TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL SERVICES, WILL BE PROVIDED ONLY THROUGH A SEPARATE WRITTEN ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES.
- 17. Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue. The laws of the State of Illinois will govern this Agreement and the jurisdiction and venue for the enforcement of this Agreement shall be found exclusively in, and the parties submit to personal jurisdiction of the Circuit Courts Illinois and the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois.
- 18. Documents Obtained From Client. Law Firm's policy is to NOT accept or retain paper documents from its clients. Except for your original initialed and signed bankruptcy documents and unless required by the Court in an evidentiary matter, in which case you will be informed in advance, you agree to only electronically submit PDF documents to Law Firm. Unless otherwise required by law, Law Firm will retain your files and any pleadings, correspondence, or other documents contained therein for seven years after your case has closed or, if your case is not filed by Law Firm, for one year after your representation by Law Firm has ended. After that time, they may be destroyed by Law Firm. Within that time period, you may request copies of your documents in Law Firm's files for a fee of \$50 for storage retrieval and processing.
- 19. Termination Due To Client Delay. If, due to your delay, your bankruptcy case has not been filed within one month of the date of this Agreement, we shall have the right to terminate this Agreement or extend the one-month period by email notice to you. Examples of your delay include: instructing us to wait to file your case; not providing ALL information requested by us; and not providing ALL documents requested by us in PDF format and in the manner requested by us.
- 20. Conflicts of Interest, Married Couples. If Client is a married couple, Client acknowledges that Law Firm cannot take sides in any dispute between the spouses. Client waives any conflict of interest that may arise in regard to such dispute. It is agreed that any information communicated to one spouse by Law Firm shall be deemed to be communicated to both spouses. It is further agreed that any information communicated to Law Firm by one spouse may be shared by Law Firm with the other spouse.
- 21. Voidable Agreement. This Agreement shall be voidable at the option of Law Firm if it is not executed by all parties within five business days after the first date on which Law Firm provides Client with any bankruptcy assistance services.
- 22. Severability. If one or more provisions of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable under applicable law, such provision shall be excluded from this Agreement and the balance of this

Agreement shall be interpreted as if such provision were so excluded and shall be enforceable in accordance with its terms.

- 23. Complete Agreement. This Agreement and the attached notice represent the complete agreement between the parties and may not be modified or replaced except by a subsequent written agreement executed by all parties.
- 24. Electronic Signatures Permission. By signing this Agreement, Client hereby gives Law Firm express written permission to affix Client's electronic signature to the bankruptcy documents that Law Firm will electronically file with the Bankruptcy Court on Client's behalf.

25. Communications Policy.

- a. Client may at times attempt to reach Law Firm by telephone, but Client understands that Law Firm is often unavailable by telephone since Law Firm is often occupied with court appearances, 341 meetings, client appointments, preparing and filing documents with the court. Client agrees to schedule telephone calls only as necessary.
- b. Email. Email is the best way to reach Law Firm. Law Firm aspires to check and respond to emails within a reasonable timeframe based on the circumstances. This allows Law Firm uninterrupted time to work on cases and attend meetings as needed.
- c. Returning Messages. Emails, voicemails, and other messages received outside regular weekday business hours or on holidays will be addressed during regular weekday business hours.
- d. Electronic Delivery. Client agrees to electronic delivery of all updates on Client's case, Client's file, court documents, and correspondence from the court and from all other interested parties, such as trustees, creditors, and other attorneys via email or via other electronic means to be established by Law Firm. If Client hires a new attorney, Client agrees for Law Firm to deliver Client's file to the new attorney via Dropbox, Google Drive or other electronic means established by Law Firm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned Client, have read and understand the within and foregoing "Pre-Petition Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Engagement Agreement," it has been explained to me by the undersigned Law Firm attorney, and by affixing my signature hereto, I acknowledge receipt of a copy hereof and agree to its conditions. In preparing to file my chapter 7 case, I will provide Law Firm with the information requested by Law Firm concerning my assets and liabilities and it will be true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I further acknowledge that Law Firm has not advised me to incur debt in order to pay Law Firm's fees in this matter. Any contribution made by a third party to assist me in paying my legal fees is done with my consent and is or shall be a gift (rather than a loan to be repaid in the future).

THE BANKRUPTCY CODE REQUIRES Vaughn A. White, Attorney at Law, and VW LAW LLC, TO EXPLICITLY AND CONSPICUOUSLY INFORM YOU THAT:

WE ARE A DEBT RELIEF AGENCY, WE HELP PEOPLE FILE FOR BANKRUPTCY RELIEF UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

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